

AUCHTERHOUSE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting number	332
Location	Auchterhouse Village Hall
Date	Thursday 13 th December at 19:00
Present	Shiona Baird (Chair), Helen Smith, Aileen Baird, Linda Cockram (Planning), Alasdair Macleod
Apologies	John Forster, Liam Yule, Ronnie Hamilton, Euan Baird
In attendance	None

332.1	Chairman's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shiona Baird welcomed everyone to the meeting 	
332.2	Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the last meeting held on 18th October 2018 were circulated, approved and signed by Shiona. 	
332.3	Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling area in the park: the fence is getting a bit old and tired. It has been noticed that there is more than recycling being left beside the bins e.g. non recyclable rubbish. Comment is awaited from Beth Whiteside who had agreed to ask the Council if they have plans to replace the fence and what the future plans are for the recycling area. An article will go in the next newsletter to talk about recycling usage within this area. The tennis court fencing is deteriorating rapidly. The Parks Department was contacted and they agreed it was their responsibility and they would repair (access) the fence. Feedback is awaited from Beth Whiteside on the extent of Angus Council's responsibility for grass cutting at the road end. 	BW
332.4	TOPICS		
A	Police Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
B	Road/Traffic Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
C	TACTRAN / STPR / NPF2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update at this time 	
D	TAYplan & Angus LDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update at this time 	

E	Phone Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The defibrillator glass panel has been fitted. The defibrillator is in the phone box but sitting on the ground. A housing will be fitted as soon as possible so it is mounted to the wall. The lighting of the glass panel will also be investigated. 	SB
F	Management of Playing Field Toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The insurance will be included in our current comm. council insurance policy. We have agreed to take on the management and will sign the paperwork to commence on 1st February. We have received 3 applications for the playing field toilet cleaning job. We gather all 3 applicants together to discuss the job itself and the option of job share so that the work is fairly conducted throughout the year. This will take place on a Saturday 19th January meeting at the toilets at 11am – Aileen will inform the applicants. Shiona will write a job description and Alasdair will write the risk assessment. 	AB, SB & AM
G	Community Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next newsletter will be distributed in the last week of February. Please send any articles/content to Aileen Baird at aileenmbaird@yahoo.com no later than 15th February. The Facebook page and email distribution list will be used more regularly to promote local events. The website needs updated. Aileen will organise this with Duncan Kennedy. 	AB
H	Dronley Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trustees will meet to review all the purchase docs next week. Trustees will decide on the action to take on the stated requirement to follow the FES 2014 Design Plan. An application will be made to LEADER in January for funding an all-abilities path along the north side of the wood. Efforts to get funding from the public and local trusts will start in earnest in the new year. 	

<p>I</p>	<p>Ideas for increasing the school roll</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Forster and Linda Cockram met Paul Christison and Ciara Gray from Planning and Jamie Ross and Sean Maxwell from Housing on Monday 3rd Dec. to see what guidance they could offer in relation to the community's concerns about the reducing pupil numbers at the primary school and lack of a dedicated dropping off and collecting parking area for the school which has, at times, caused congestion in the village. One way of boosting pupil numbers is to increase the housing available in the village and this meeting focussed on possible options for doing this. At this stage this is purely option appraisal, nothing can be taken further without extensive local consultation. A case could be made for some new housing in the village through the Angus Local Development Plan. Previous plans have concentrated new housing around Angus towns and large villages. For South Angus, that meant Muirhead and Birkhill and Monifieth and not small villages like Auchterhouse. However, the up-coming Development Plan will look at the development boundaries of all settlements which gives an option of extending the existing Auchterhouse development boundary to allow for some new houses. We could put up a case for that if the community and the school thought it was a good option. The boundary review will be open for consultation at the beginning of next year. Linda, John and Alasdair will form a subgroup to gather more information and talk to the parent council to gauge their views. A study of village demographics will also be conducted to determine our population mix and how it changes. 	<p>LC, JF & AM</p>
<p>J</p>	<p>Success for Sidlaw</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shiona provided articles for the Success for Sidlaw newsletter which will be distributed in December. 	<p>SB</p>
<p>K</p>	<p>Fly tipping</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sidlaw area has been highlighted as being an area experiencing high levels of fly tipping. Debbie Gowans of the Criminal Justice team has been in touch to say that the community payback service can assist with uplift of fly tipping should we wish it. 	

332.5	Planning Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New: none • Updates: 18/00812 - Fern Cottage – Decking, terrace and boundary fencing – approved. • The 2nd updated application for planning for Fern Cottage does not seem to have been received by the Community Council for comment so Linda will investigate what has happened in this instance. • Alastair expressed his concern that the CC should avoid formally commenting on householder applications unless there were clear wider community issues. The Chair pointed out to him that CCs are statutory consultees and that any comment is made primarily on planning criteria. 	LK
332.6	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
332.7	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirstene Hair MP sent an invite to Auchterhouse Community Council to a Rural Crime drop in event but she is not our MP as fall within Chris Law's constituency. • Angus Council have asked if we would agree to them providing a food waste bin beside the existing cans and glass bins. The food bin would be contained within a metal housing unit. The aim is to provide those households out with towns and villages who do not receive a kerbside collection, with the opportunity to recycle their food waste. The bin would be emptied weekly, when the village caddies are serviced. The bin would be provided on a trial basis, and would be removed if it was not used; if it was used to the extent that it overflowed, they could provide a further housing unit as part of the trial. We have agreed to the trial. 	SB
332.8	AOCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Angus Council Housing representative Sean Maxwell would like to alert us to the existence of the "Empty Homes Loan" which is available to help improve empty, sub-standard houses. More information can be found on Angus Council's website. 	
Date of next meeting – Thursday 21st February 2019 at 19:00			